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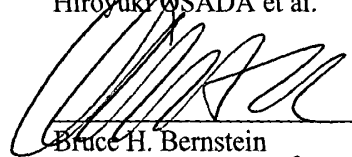
CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application No. 2000-163122, filed May 31, 2000. As required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55, a certified copy of the Japanese application has been filed in parent Application No. 09/866,590, filed May 30, 2001.

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